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REMARKS:

The Examiner finally rejected claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Schneider (U.S. Patent No. 5,009,442). Of these, claims 1, 7 and 13 are independent.

The Examiner objected to the recitation of the terms "for placement" in claims 1 and 7 as being a desired function rather than a positive limitation. In response, the applicant has amended these claims to remove "for placement," thereby making clear that the pair of bodies are in resting engagement atop the wheeled carriage (as opposed to being "placed" atop the wheeled carriage).

Moreover, the applicant also has added the following language to all independent claims:

wherein said pair of bodies are supported solely by said intravenous stand

Again, this amendment is meant to clarify that, unlike the clamp that is attached to a wheelchair in Schneider, the pair of bodies in this case are not supported by any structure other than the Intravenous stand. Schneider does not disclose or suggest his clamp being supported solely by said intravenous stand. Indeed, to attempt to do so would eliminate the stability advantages of Schneider's invention.

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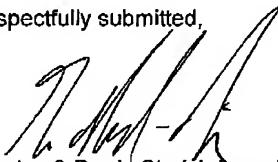
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Because Schneider was the sole basis for rejection and the amendments presented herein more clearly show at least one novel difference between the present invention and Schneider, the applicant respectfully submits that all claims are believed to be distinguished from the cited art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the amendments above be entered and that claims 1-18 be reconsidered for allowance.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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